BILL NO. G-72-06-25 (Amended)

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. G-14-72.

AN ORDINANCE pertaining to obscene matter.

WHEREAS, purveyors of obscene matter have sought to exploit the constitutional rights of individuals by using said rights as a screen for the dissemination within the city limits of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana of matter which adds nothing to the store of human knowledge or ideas but which is intended to, and does, appeal to the basest desires of those to whom it is exhibited; and

WHEREAS, the dissemination of such matter is not prohibited by the Constitution of either the United States or the State of Indiana: and

WHEREAS, the dissemination of such matter is an activity against which a society may protect itself just as it may protect itself against other activites which the community finds objectionable;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA: SECTION 1. Definitions.

As used in this Ordinance:

- (a) "Obscene" means that to the average person, applying contemporary standards, the predominant appeal of the matter, taken as a whole, is to prurient interest, i.e., a shameful or morbid interest in mudity, sex, or excretion, which goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters and is matter which is utterly without redeeming social importance.
- (b) "Matter" means any book, magazine, newspaper, or other printed or written material or any picture, drawing, photograph, motion picture, or other pictorial representation or any statue or other figure, or any recording, transcription or mechanical, chemical or electrial reproduction or any other articles, equipment, machines or materials.
- (c) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other legal entity.

- (d) "Distribute" means to transfer possession of, whether with or without consideration.
- (e) "Knowingly" means having knowledge that the matter is obscene.

SECTION 2. Every person within the city limits of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who knowingly prepares, publishes, prints, exhibits, distributes, or offers to distribute, or has in his possession with intent to distribute or to exhibit or offer to distribute, any obscene matter, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. The penalty upon conviction of such misdemeanor shall be a fine not in excess of \$500 and/or confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months.

SECTION 4. Upon a specific finding by a court of competent jurisdiction that any person is conducting his or its business in violation of Section 2 of this Chapter, said Court shall refer the matter to the City Attorney, who may without further direction from the Court file appropriate proceedings for the abatement of the same which is hereby declared to be a nuisance and for the forfeiture of contraband used in or arising out of such illegal business.

SECTION 5. If any section, clause, sentence, paragraph, part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by any court, it shall be conclusively presumed that this Ordinance would have been passed by the Common Council without such invalid section, clause, sentence, paragraph, part or provision.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval by the Mayor and legal publication thereof.

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Approved as to form and legality

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State of Indiana ALLEN County ss:

Personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, the undersigned A. M. Hostman who, being duly sworn, says that She is Clerk

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of August 1972

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